

# **METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

## **MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

**October 7, 2008**

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, October 7, 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, Ms. Ivanetta Davis Samuels, Ms. Tonya Jones and Ms. Karen Johnson. Justice A. A. Birch Jr. and Mr. Lamont Carter were 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; Lt. George Mitchell for Captain Rich Foley, Park Police and **Ms. Theresa Costonis, Metro Government Legal Counsel.** Mr. Curt Garrigan, Assistant Director of Planning and Facilities Development was not in attendance.

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 2, 2008 APPROVED**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Davis-Samuels, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, September 2, 2008.

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

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

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

**08-08-36**

### **BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF EDDIE PHILLIPS, DEVELOPER REQUESTING APPROVAL OF REALIGNMENT OF STONES RIVER ROAD**

As per request of Mr. Lawson the board deferred request of Mr. Tom White and Mr. Eddie Phillips, Developer, with regard to approval of proposed entrance gates, signage, landscaping easement or other permission for development of a road at Stone Hall (realignment of Stones River Road). This request will be heard by sub-committee immediately preceding the November board meeting with committee bringing full report to the board at their meeting.

**IX. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**10-08-01**

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO HK MANAGEMENT FOR AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION DURING A BIRTHDAY BASH FOR ALAN JACKSON ON OCTOBER 15, 2008 IN OWEN BRADLEY PARK**

An application submitted by Ms. Donna Hollie, representing HK Management, requesting permission for amplification and alcohol consumption during a birthday bash for Alan Jackson on Wednesday, October 15, 2008 in Owen Bradley Park was presented to the board.

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

**10-08-02**

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO EJM MARKETING FOR AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION DURING A 5K RUN AND HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2008 IN OWEN BRADLEY PARK**

An application submitted by Mr. Emmit Martin, representing EJM Marketing, requesting permission for amplification and alcohol consumption during a 5K run and Halloween Festival/block party on Saturday, October 18, 2008 in Owen Bradley Park was presented to the board.

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

**10-08-03**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE SUSAN G. KOMEN FOR THE CURE FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL CEREMONY TO BE HELD ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE PARTHENON IN CENTENNIAL PARK ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2008**

An application submitted by Ms. Haylee Hall, representing Susan G. Komen for the Cure, requesting permission for amplification during a candlelight memorial ceremony on Sunday, October 26, 2008, 6:00 – 7:00 pm in Centennial Park on the East side of the Parthenon was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Davis-Samuels, the board unanimously approved this request for amplification with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and subject to monitoring by park personnel.

**IX. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**10-08-04**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE T. J. MARTELL FOUNDATION  
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A FUN RUN/WALK A THON  
TO BE HELD IN HALL OF FAME PARK ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2008**

An application submitted by Ms. Laura Heatherly, representing the T.J. Martell Foundation, requesting permission for amplification a fun run/walk-a-thon on Saturday, November 1, 2008, 7:00 am – 2:00 pm, in Hall of Fame Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Davis-Samuels, the board approved this request for amplification with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and subject to monitoring by park personnel.

**10-08-05**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF AMANDA BURKE FOR AMPLIFICATION  
DURING A WEDDING CEREMONY AND RECEPTION  
TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2008  
IN THE SUNKEN GARDENS AND EVENT SHELTER OF CENTENNIAL PARK**

An application submitted by Ms. Amanda Burke requesting permission for amplification during a wedding ceremony and reception on Saturday, November 1, 2008, 4:00 – 10:00 pm, in the Sunken Gardens and event shelter of Centennial Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Davis-Samuels, 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.

**10-08-06**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR SUICIDE  
PREVENTION FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A FUNDRAISING WALK  
TO BE HELD IN CENTENNIAL PARK ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2008**

An application submitted by Ms. Meredith Henning, representing the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, requesting permission for amplification a fundraising walk on Saturday, November 1, 2008, 12:00 – 2:00 pm, in Centennial Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Davis-Samuels, the board approved this request for amplification with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and subject to monitoring by park personnel.

**IX. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**10-08-07**

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION FOR THE 2009 RUNNING  
OF THE IROQUOIS STEEPLECHASE AND SURROUNDING  
EVENTS TO BE HELD ON MAY 9, 2008 IN PERCY WARNER PARK**

A request submitted by Mr. Dwight Hall, chair of the 2009 Iroquois Steeplechase requesting permission to host the May 9, 2009 running of the Iroquois Steeplechase and surrounding events to be held in Percy Warner Park was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Davis-Samuels, the Board unanimously accepted staff recommendation with regard to the following items:

- 1) permission to charge a general public admission fee of \$15.00 at the gate and children under 12 years of age will be at no charge.
- 2) permission to serve alcoholic beverages as in the past at the Turf Club, the Paddock Club, Corporate Hospitality Tents, the Iroquois Society, and in the Owner Trainer Rider Tent.
- 3) usage fee of \$16,000 payable to Metro Parks which includes all costs for cleanup of the general park area including all parking lots.

Approval is contingent upon applicant acquiring all appropriate permits from the Metropolitan Beer Board and/or the Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

Proof of adequate liability insurance coverage must be obtained for the event by Vanderbilt Children's Hospital and/or Volunteer Horsemen's Association with a copy to be furnished Metro Parks prior to the Steeplechase and the Board should be named as co-insured on all policies.

**X. NEW BUSINESS:**

**10-08-08**

**BOARD APPROVES THE FUNDING OF TWO, AND UP TO SIX, PART TIME  
RECREATION LEADER POSITIONS BY THE VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY SCHOOL  
OF MEDICINE'S DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS**

Dr. Shari Barkin, representing the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine's Department of Pediatrics, was present to request approval to fund two, and up to six, part time Recreation Leaders to work on specific projects and programs related to the existing partnership between Metro Parks and the Monroe Carell, Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt from the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the Board approved the funding of recreation leader positions as described in the above paragraph.

**X. NEW BUSINESS:**

**10-08-08 (con't.)**

**BOARD APPROVES THE FUNDING OF TWO, AND UP TO SIX, PART TIME RECREATION LEADER POSITIONS BY THE VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE'S DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS**

Dr. Barkin reported on the 3 teaching kitchens held at Coleman Regional Center with area chefs teaching participants to cook healthy. Three student health fairs have been held with medical students from Vanderbilt and Meharry assisting in assessments of participants. These events will be showcased as innovative measures Nashville is undertaking with regard to childhood obesity on October 15 during a national conference on childhood obesity and as part of National Child Health week.

On Saturday, October 18 a teaching kitchen focusing on diabetes and student health fair will be held at Coleman Regional Center with Councilmember Page and Mayor Dean attending.

**Mr. Lawson inquired if flu shots could be included in a partnership with the Metro Health Department as an extension of the collaborative and Dr. Barkin advised him that she will take it to the committee for consideration.**

**10-08-09**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF FRIENDS OF BELLS BEND PARK FOR AMPLIFICATION AND USAGE FEE WAIVER DURING A FREE CONCERT ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2008 IN BELLS BEND PARK**

Ms. Julia Graves and Mr. Joe Ingle, representing Friends of Bells Bend, were present to request permission for amplification and usage fee waiver during an outdoor concert featuring Nancy Griffith on Saturday, November 1, 2008, 4:00 – 6:00 pm, in Bells Bend Park from the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the board approved request for amplification with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and subject to monitoring by park personnel and waiver of the usage fee request meets Park Policy 3000. 28 Fee Waivers and Reductions as follows:

- A. The Park Board will consider a request for fee waiver only if the activity, program, or event:
  1. The event, program, or activity must be sponsored by or organized for the exclusive benefit of a department, agency, or entity of the Metropolitan Government other than the Board of Parks and Recreation; or

**X. NEW BUSINESS:**

**10-08-09 (con't.)**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF FRIENDS OF BELLS BEND PARK FOR AMPLIFICATION AND USAGE FEE WAIVER DURING A FREE CONCERT ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2008 IN BELLS BEND PARK**

2. The event, program, or activity must be sponsored by or organized for a not-for-profit entity and the net proceeds derived from such event, program, or activity must be devoted to the exclusive benefit of the Metropolitan Government. Evidence of not-for-profit status, which may include but is not limited to, certification and/or registration by or with the **Charitable Solicitations Division of the State of Tennessee** and or the **United States Department of Internal Revenue**, must be submitted with the application for fee waiver; or
3. The event, program, or activity must demonstrably benefit the Department of Parks and Recreation as may be determined by the Director.

**10-08-10**

**REQUEST TO NAME THE IROQUOIS SOCIETY PAVILION LOCATED AT THE STEEPLECHASE SITE IN PERCY WARNER PARK THE BALFOUR BEATTY IROQUOIS SOCIETY PAVILION WAS DEFERRED TO THE NOVEMBER MEETING**

Mr. John Sparks representing Ms. Brenda Black, Director of Community Development for the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt, was present to request permission from the board to name the Iroquois Society Pavilion located at the Steeplechase site in Percy Warner Park "The Balfour Beatty Iroquois Society Pavilion"

Upon motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the board deferred this request to the signage/naming committee.

**X. NEW BUSINESS:**

10-08-11

**BOARD APPROVES GRANT FROM THE CONSERVANCY OF THE PARTHENON AND CENTENNIAL PARK TO CONTINUE FUNDING ONE FULL TIME POSITION ON AN ON-GOING BASIS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson the board granted approval to the Conservancy of the Parthenon and Centennial Park of a total grant base amount for fiscal year 2008-09 of \$60,000 plus any amount required to pay off accrued leave should an employee terminate at a point in time which would otherwise extend past the end of this grant period. This amount will increase to provide any funding necessary for pay plan adjustments or merit increases to which other similarly situated Parks employees would be entitled. In the event that the Conservancy of the Parthenon and Centennial Park decides to discontinue or modify funding for this position a notice of 30 days will be given Metro Parks. Metro Parks may discontinue this agreement or modify funding for this position with a 30 day notice to the Conservancy. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CONSERVANCY OF THE PARTHENON AND CENTENNIAL PARK DOES NOT PAY INDIRECT COST CHARGES ON ITS GRANT AWARDS.**

**XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM STAFF**

**Community Garden Update**

Paul Widman reported for Vera Vollbrecht that the organic food festival held at the Shelby Park Nature Center on Saturday, September 13th was very successful. **Mr. Lawson asked that Parks research the possibility of renting space to individuals for a garden plot the next growing season.**

**Miracle League Update**

Tim Netsch reported that the Request for Proposals have been received and currently are awaiting completed evaluations. The evaluations should be in on Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Park Watch/Trail Watch Program – No Report**

**Park/School Wellness Program**

Paul Widman reported that Metro Parks is in the process of developing a partnership on wellness with Glencliff High School and will keep the board apprised.

**XII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS**

Jackie Jones stated that the weekend of October 4 and 5 was very busy in Centennial and Shelby Parks with several events and very happy to report that no major incidents occurred.

**XIII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Wilson reported that a grant application was brought to the department's attention after the final date to submit requests for inclusion on the board agenda and asked that the board consider it.

Ms. Johnson motioned to suspend the rules and move for approval; seconded by Mr. Lawson, the board approved application and subsequent acceptance of grant to the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. This grant in the amount of \$30,000 is the first green development project grant offered and will be utilized at the new McCabe Recreation Center if awarded.

Mr. Wilson thanked Shain Dennison for a great job in hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual ***Dinner on the Bridge*** sponsored by Greenways for Nashville.

Mr. Wilson announced that ***Sunday in the Park*** will be held on Sunday, October 12 at 12:00 noon in Warner Park.

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

Mr. Fossick announced that the November Board meeting will move to Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm because of the Presidential election.

Mr. Fossick also reported that one board meeting a quarter will be held at a park facility in order for the board to meet staff and acquaint themselves with park facilities.

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**